## On-Street Civil Parking Enforcement Observation Periods – Adur District

When a vehicle is parked in contravention of the regulations, and depending upon the type of restriction, the Civil Enforcement Officer will observe the vehicle for a certain period of time before issuing a Penalty Charge Notice.

An observation period is primarily designed to ensure that the vehicle is not engaged in an exempt activity, such as loading or unloading.

The observation times are summarised in the table below, which, for ease of reference, also contains grace periods:

Observation Period
5 minutes — car or van
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Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil
Nil after expiry of time limit
5 minutes – car
10 minutes – van/lorry
Nil
Nil
Nil
5 minutes

NB. If active loading is witnessed during the observation period (in a location where loading is permitted) then up to 30 minutes should be allowed or longer if necessary.